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1. Increasing evidence is noted of N. A. Bulganin's subservience to the Communist Party, meaning N. S. Khrushchev, for larger armaments. Khrushchev is allegedly interested in increased direct contacts to individual Western governments, particularly that of the United States, to define Soviet and U.S. spheres of influence.
  2. The new Chinese ambassador to Moscow Liu Hsiao is a relative unknown. His appointment possibly signifies a cooling of close Moscow-Peiping relations.<sup>1</sup>
  3.  Malenkov's resignation will slow prospective Yugoslav rapprochement with the Soviet Union despite Tito's recent speech on active coexistence. 25X1
  4. The new emphasis on a military-atomic program requires an increase in power production inside the USSR.<sup>2</sup> The appointment of G. M. Malenkov to this sector of the economy recalls his similar role during the war.
1.  Comment. Although Liu Hsiao is not well known, he is considered a strong Party member. 25X1
  2.  Comment. Two years as a minimum are needed before appreciable new electric power resources will be available. Two years are also required for results in the agricultural program. Thus, continuance of the peaceful coexistence formula can be expected for another two years. 25X1

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